

## BRETHREN CHURCH CONVENTION.

Minutes of the Convention of the Brethren Church of the State of Ohio, Held at Ashland, Ohio, June 5 and 6, 1895.

## First Session—Wednesday afternoon, June 5

Conference assembled at 1:30 P. M., in the College building, and in the absence of the chairman, was called to order by Vice Chairman, Rev. J. L. Kimmel, who conducted the devotional exercises.

Rev. J. A. Miller, A. L. Schultz and W. A. Welty were appointed Committee on Credentials and reported churches represented by delegates as follows:

Ashland, J. A. Miller, W. A. Welty, D. L. Schultz, E. J. Worst; Buckeye City, Kittie Huffman, Nannie Ross; Bear Creek, J. M. Tombaugh; Bethel, J. M. Bowman; Bryan, P. M. Swinehart; Fair Haven, B. F. Swinehart, P. J. Brown, Wm. Keifer; Fairview, James Dyer; Homer, John Hart, Samuel Barone; Louisville, J. L. Kimmel; Miamisburg, Clara Nibel; North Liberty, C. M. Leedy; Pleasant Hill, by letter; West Independence, M. S. White; West Alexandria, D. Minderman; Williamstown, Wm. Trowbridge; Zion's Hill, D. L. King; Pleasant Hill, by letter.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the Committee continued.

P. J. Brown, J. A. Miller and J. M. Bowman, were appointed Committee on Committees and reported Committees as follows:

On General Church work, Wm. Keifer, Josiah Keim, D. L. King.

On Mission Work, J. M. Tombaugh, J. A. Miller, G. W. Rench.

On Education, J. A. Miller, G. W. Rench, M. S. White.

On Church Literature, A. D. Gnagey, J. M. Bowman, W. A. Welty.

On Woman's Work, Sarah Keim, Kittie Huffman, Clara Nibel.

On Resolutions, H. S. Jacobs, D. Minderman, Nannie Ross.

On Queries, B. F. Swinehart, D. L. Schultz, John Hart.

On Nomination and Location, J. A. Miller, J. M. Tombaugh, Jas. Dyer.

On Young People's work, P. M. Swinehart, Daniel Minderman, D. L. Schultz.

Parochial reports were then called for, and by order of the Conference, were given orally as the roll of the churches was called. Rev. J. A. Miller reported for Ashland; J. M. Tombaugh, Bear Creek, Fair View, Miamisburg; J. M. Bowman, Bethel; P. M. Swinehart, Bryan; Wm. Keifer, Fair Haven, Mt. Carmel, Zion's Hill; John Hart, Homer; J. L. Kimmel, Louisville, Middle Branch, North Georgetown; C. M. Leedy, North Liberty; S.

M. White, West Independence and Gretna; D. Minderman, West Alexandria; Wm. Trowbridge, Williamstown; Mt. Zion and Pleasant Hill were reported by letter.

A form for pastor's report was here submitted for the consideration of the Conference, and its adoption moved and carried. It is as follows:

1. Parochial report of . . . charge, comprising . . . congregation.
2. No. of members at beginning of year.
3. No. of members added during the year,
  - a. By baptism.
  - b. By relation.
  - c. By letter.
- Whole number.
4. No. of removals during the year.
5. No. of members died during the year.
6. Total No. of members at end of year.
7. No. of communions during year—
  - Public. Private.
8. Percentum of members communed.
9. No. of regular appointments.
10. No. of mission points.
11. No. of sermons preached during the year.
12. No. of pastoral visits made during the year.
13. Whole number of services held by the pastor.
14. Pastor's salary.
15. Amount paid pastor.
16. Amount paid for building and repairs during year.
17. Amount paid for missions.
18. Total amount of expenses—monies paid for all purposes.
19. No. of houses owned in fee simple.
20. No. union houses.
21. Value of church property.

Remarks.  
 ..... Pastor.  
 Clerk .....  
 Deacons .....

It was further ordered, That the Conference through its officers furnish each of its pastors a copy of the report.

"Practical Church Work" was the subject of an earnest talk by Rev. J. M. Bowman. Miscellaneous discussion of the subject followed in which Revs. Tombaugh, Rench, Brown and Schultz took part.

At this point, propositions for holding and receiving the next Annual Conference were asked for, and invitations were given in behalf of the Fairview and the Williamstown church. By vote, it was decided to hold the next Conference at Williamstown.

A bill of the Book and Tract Committee, of \$1.40 for programs and postage, was ordered paid.

Moved and carried, That in case the next National Conference be held in Ohio, the State Conference be held at the same time and place.

Ordered by motion, That Rev. Rench preach the closing sermon at the Conference Thursday evening.

Adjournment.

## Second Session—Wednesday Evening.

Convention was called to order at 7:45. Devotional services by Rev. S. L. Bowman.

"Our Tract Work" was then presented in a paper by Rev. J. L. Kimmel.

It was unanimously accepted by vote of the Conference, and enthusiastic speeches were made upon the subject by Revs. Bowman, Miller and Schultz.

The query box brought out interesting discussions on many important points.

Adjournment.

## Third Session—Thursday Morning.

Conference met at 9 A. M. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Josiah Keim.

The report of the Home Mission society was then submitted and adopted. It is as follows:

## RECEIPTS:

Balance from preceding year,	\$102.04
Received from Miamisburg church,	5.04
" " Fair Haven "	12.80
" " " " S. S.,	2.20
" " Gretna Church,	3.40
" " Louisville "	4.00
" " Homer "	9.80
" " " " "	8.20
" " Georgetown "	3.00
" " Williamstown church,	1.00

Total receipts, \$151.48

## EXPENDITURES:

To P. J. Brown, expenses to Mansfield	\$ 1.40
" Wm. Keifer, Mission at Prattville,	9.35
" " " Services at Zion's Hill,	16.00
" " " " Mt. Carmel,	30.70
" P. J. Brown, Services at Zion's Hill,	2.00
" H. S. Jacobs, " " " "	18.00
" Wm. Keifer, " " " "	22.00
" D. J. Miller, expenses,	5.00

Total expenditures, \$104.45  
 Amount in Treasury, \$47.03

The following report of the Committee on Mission Work was then submitted and unanimously adopted:

We your committee on Home Mission work recommend the following items for consideration and adoption:—

1. That we recommend the continuation of the present plan of the Ohio Home Mission work and urge upon every pastor and congregation to lend their best assistance.

2. We recommend that the sum of \$300 be contributed for the support of the Ohio Home Mission Work, by the several congregations in the following manner:—

a. That the above sum of \$300 be apportioned among the several congregations as follows: